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Wildland Fire Tragedy Reaches ADC Staff



An Internet photo of firefighters try their best to contain the Rodeo//Chediski fire

Employees Remember the Rodeo/Chediski Fire

The disastrous forest fire that occurred in Northeast Arizona had a tremendous impact on residents of Arizona. Among those affected were employees of the Arizona Department of Corrections.

ADC employees were touched by the fire in different ways, many provided assistance to firefighters and victims of the fire; others helped fight the fire and some lost their homes.

On June 19, **ASPC Winslow Apache Unit**, located north of the Rodeo/Chediski fire, assisted the evacuation of the Pinedale, Clay Springs, Lakeside/Pinetop, Show Low and Linden areas. In an effort to assist the affected communities, ASPC-Winslow provided a total of 291.5 staff hours, and

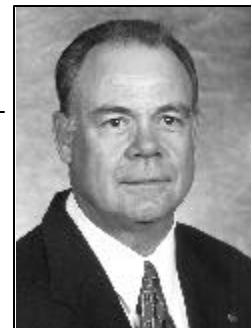
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DIRECTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

by Terry L. Stewart



In this era of financial uncertainty, the Arizona Department of Corrections is faced with another painful adjustment. After a tumultuous legislative session resulting in a 4.5 percent reduction to our already strained budget, additional budget cuts have necessitated even larger staff reductions.

However, let me make this clear, we are not laying off any ADC employees. We are eliminating vacant positions. The legislatively mandated removal of FTE positions has resulted in a net reduction of 3.1 percent to our work force or 531 positions. The Legislature did spare 195 positions to open the Arizona State Prison Complex-Lewis/Rast Unit, as well as four positions dedicated to 400 DUI beds authorized recently by the legislature for the Fiscal Year 2003 resulting in a net loss of 332 positions.

In addition to 41 positions of various types in administration and health services, there are 89 non-correctional officer positions abolished for Prison Operations. The remaining 202 are COII positions abolished at:

Prison Operations	CO II'S Abolished	Non-CO II'S Abolished
Douglas	9	6
Lewis	38	16
Safford	5	4
Tucson	20	12
Yuma	13	6
Eyman	58	14
Florence	36	12
Perryville	16	8
Phoenix	0	3
Winslow	7	7
Phoenix West /Marana		1
Office of Director		1
Health Services		27
Inspections & Investigations		4
Administration		13
Totals:	202	134

Total ADC positions abolished: 336

Four Private Prison positions returned: 4

Net total ADC positions abolished: 332

The elimination of these vacant positions is ironic given the recommendation by the Arizona Auditor General which called for a staffing study to be conducted and the independent findings of *Criminal Justice Solutions*, an organization hired to evaluate the Department's existing security staffing. Their report states, "Notwithstanding the commitment of staff to do the best they can it is imperative that additional resources be allocated to address the staffing deficiencies that currently compromise the security of the prisons and the safety of staff and inmates." The consultants specifically cite in their report the critical need for 1,233 additional correctional staff to provide an adequate amount of coverage statewide. The results of the consultant's report will be formally presented to the Joint Select Committee on Corrections on August 15.

The elimination of these positions will undoubtedly mean that staff will have to absorb a range of responsibilities. I realize the toll this will take on employees already experiencing the consequences of severe workforce shortages. It is our plan to seek restoration of these positions as we begin planning for Fiscal Year 2004.

Even with this latest development, I am confident ADC employees will rise to the occasion to ensure the safe and efficient operation of our prisons. As I have said before, the Arizona Department of Corrections has some of the most dedicated and hardworking employees in the state. Together, we will weather this latest challenge.

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ADC Employees on the Move



Recently at Central Office, the Arizona Department of Corrections held interviews for the position of Associate Deputy Warden. Wardens Ivan Bartos, Judy Frigo and Ernest Trujillo interviewed 68 candidates to fill 17 positions. In filling these positions and vacated Deputy Warden positions, the Department had to either hire, promote or transfer 47 employees.

“For quite some time, the Department had employees either retire or leave and we were unable to fill their vacated positions because of the hiring freeze,” said Deputy Director Charles Ryan. “Fortunately, with the start of the new fiscal year, the hiring freeze was lifted and we were able to fill those jobs.”

Below is the list of the 47 correctional administrators who will be assuming new duties and a listing of ADC employees who retired in July.

Promotions

Mary Hennessy, Warden, Perryville
Dennis Harkins, DW-Operations, Perryville
Scott Yates, DW-Operations, Douglas
Wade Woolsey, DW-Operations, Lewis
Danny Garvin, DW-Operations, Florence
John Larkin, DW-Operations, Yuma
Sandra Walker, DW, Eyman-Meadows
Doug Schuster, DW, Florence-Central
Dennis Short, DW, Florence-North
James O’Neil, DW, Tucson, Santa Rita
Gary Bulger, ADW, Eyman-Cook
Sherry Simon, DW, Yuma-Cocopah
Karolyn McConnell, DW, Phoenix-Alhambra
April Robinson, DW, Perryville-San Pedro
Patrick O’Brien, DW, Phoenix-Aspen
Michele Bailey, ADW, Perryville-San Pedro
John Palosaari, DW, Yuma-Cheyenne
Ernie Melcher, ADW, Winslow-Kaibab
John Marquez, DW, Douglas-Papago
Antonio Baca, DW, Lewis-Barchey
Joseph Karl, ADW, Lewis-Barchey
Tom Forwith, ADW, Lewis-Rast
Lance Hetmer, ADW, Safford-Graham
Bruce Shiflet, ADW, Safford-Fort Grant
Mark Perkins, DW, Safford-Tonto
Therese Schroeder, DW, Tucson-Echo
Norbit Thornsberry, ADW, Tucson-Rincon
Anna Jacobs, DW, Tucson-Rincon Minors
Alex Davenport, ADW, Tucson-Santa Rita
Pamala Rider, ADW, Yuma Cheyenne
John Ontiveros, DW, Florence-Picacho
Carl Williams, ADW, Florence-North

Promotions Continued.....

James Klein, ADW, Florence-South
Carson McWilliams, DW, Florence East
Maria Drake, ADW, Florence-West
Donna Marshall, ADW, Central Office

New Hires

Audrey Burke, ADW, Phoenix-Alhambra
Gary Jones, ADW, Yuma-Dakota

Transfers

John Gay, DW, Eyman-SMU I
Denise Andre, DW, Lewis-Rast
Barbara Ribbens, DW, Perryville-Lumley
Monica Taylor, DW, Douglas Mohave
Judith Ledsworth, DW, Douglas-Gila
Gustavo Basurto, DW, Yuma-Dakota
Robert Patton, DW, Safford-Fort Grant
Clint Lee, ADW, Eyman-Rynning
James Kimble, DW, Central Office

Retirements

Carolyn Verdugo, Training Officer I, Douglas
Darrin Hays, Deputy Warden, Phoenix
Robert Stalder, Captain, Safford
David Bland, Lieutenant, Tucson

put 3,696 total miles on ADC vehicles to transport the evacuees. ASPC-Winslow provided anywhere from one to three vehicles at a time to shuttle the evacuees to places such as grocery stores, local shopping areas, swimming pools and laundry facilities. Within a five hour duration, the shuttle provided service to approximately 2,000 civilians. Complex transportation assisted the Navajo County Detention Center by transporting 13 juvenile offenders to the Durango Juvenile Detention Facility in Phoenix to ensure the juveniles were safe.

Staff at the Apache Unit aided in this catastrophe by providing mattresses, Styrofoam cups and trays, toilet paper, laundering facilities, traffic control, parking lot security and shuttle service to the evacuees. Also, employees at ASPC-Winslow personally donated sleeping bags as well as opened their residences to some of the evacuees.

The Canteen Corporation, ADC's food contractor, in conjunction with donations from the community provided hot meals for 750 civilians temporarily housed at the evacuation site in Eager, Arizona. There were approximately 10,000 evacuees registered at the evacuation sites.

The Rodeo/Chediski fire was the largest forest fire in Arizona state history. The fire exceeded the size of the city of Los Angeles.

For many ADC employees in the Department it was an event they will never forget. Some of our employees and residents who were affected by the fire share their reflections:

Mike Linderman, Administrator of Pastoral Activities

I spent seven days assisting in the effort to contain the Rodeo/Chediski fire. During that week, I commanded engine crews who provided structural protection to the communities of Heber, Overgaard and Forest Lakes. We patrolled fire lines and areas completely destroyed by fire.

The magnitude of the fire was not only incomparable to anything I have

witnessed in my eight years as a firefighter, but emotionally devastating as well. It was an experience that will affect me the remainder of my life, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have assisted in the effort. On the other hand, I hope it is never necessary to repeat it.

John Hawley, Correctional Industries Production, Perryville

I lost a three bedroom, two bath beautiful cedar log home that our family built and an acre and a half of land. My home along with nine other homes in our neighborhood was completely burnt to the ground. The news of our family's loss was devastating, we had learned about our neighborhood going up in flames from a television newscast. My wife saw our house burning on television.

The home was a second residence where I had planned to retire. I just bought a new residence, and I may build a new home in the same area in the future.

Vivian Baltierra, Deputy Warden, Winslow

I felt very pleased assisting others in their time of need. It ALWAYS feels better to give than to receive. It was very touching to look into the evacuees' faces, and see they really appreciated someone asking how they were doing. The people truly appreciated the shuttle vans and the service that the Department of Corrections provided to them.

Evan Barkman, Correctional Officer III, Winslow

As I was manning the shuttle bus on June 27, a message came over the public radio thanking the Arizona Department of Corrections for their heavily involved assistance. I felt very proud of our Department.

Wendy Guin, Administrative Secretary I, Winslow

My experience with assisting the victims of the fire is deep. My sister's family and her in-laws, parents, aunt, cousin and two additional sisters were

evacuated from this tragedy. My husband and I welcomed them into our home. I wanted to assist everyone, but I knew I couldn't house all of the evacuees. I then decided I would assist with shuttling evacuees to places they wanted or needed to be.

Suzette Goldsmith, Records Supervisor I, Winslow

Wow! What an experience to see and speak with the evacuees of this fire, and to visualize the gut wrenching and heartache of each and everyone. Then to see a small community come together in a short period of time to help strangers, family and friends with clothing, food, transportation, shelter and companionship. There is **nothing** like living in a community that truly cares!

Toni Strickland, Certified Registered Nurse I, Winslow

Helping out during the evacuation was a rewarding experience. There was so much uncertainty, denial and desperate hope among the evacuees. I felt good just being able to help provide medically for their physical and emotional needs! It was a community effort with everyone pulling together to lend support, comfort and reassurance. Because of this tragedy, it is very evident how our IMS training provided us with the knowledge and direction to act during this emergency.

Darryl Troutt, Sergeant, Winslow

Being raised in Show Low, I have seen what the White Mountain communities used to be like, and what they've now become. On July 1, when I got my first look at the devastation of the fire, I couldn't put into words what a great loss this is for all of us, and generations to come. I would like to thank all the people who assisted in any way, from distributing water to the firefighters who risked their lives to save the White

Mountains, and residences. My heart goes out to all the people who have suffered losses.

Kia Lynn Smith, Correctional Officer, Winslow

While working the Apache Unit yard control, I watched a large plume of smoke rise above the mountain tops. A feeling of anticipation and anxiety filled me as I heard on the radio that people were being evacuated. I was relieved from my post, and rushed to my residence to begin the evacuation process. While walking around the house, I looked at each item, trying to determine if it was “replaceable.” My family, as well as our llamas were moved to a friend’s home. Once we were evacuated, we were offered a place to house our pets and travel trailer.

The outpouring of love and concern from our Apache County neighbors was overwhelming. My husband and I are extremely grateful to the fire fighters that saved our home. The fire dozer team plowed nearly a mile through a roadway from our home.

Tears fill my eyes and a warm feeling fills my heart when I think of all the goodness that has been poured out during this incredible ordeal. God bless those who assisted us in this tragedy.

Leon Hinshaw, Occupational Safety Consultant III, Winslow

On June 27 and 28, I arrived to assist at the fire. Assigned to work with the Tucson Fire Department on a 24 hour shift, I patrolled the area for “hot spots,” while providing structure protection, cutting fire lines and brush piles. The magnitude of this fire was tremendous and the devastation the fire left was overwhelming.

Paul Duran, Correctional Officer, Winslow

I feel grateful to have fought the Rodeo/Chediski fire side by side with my fellow firefighters. The feeling we get from making a difference in our neighbors lives is immeasurable. We saw homes in danger of being

destroyed, and we fought hard to save them. We saved a total of three homes that night, and the “high fives” and the shouts of joy were in abundance!

Ty Koch, Correctional Officer, Winslow

During the fire, it was an extremely stressful time for many people. When I received a call asking for my assistance to provide shuttle service, I didn’t hesitate to respond. I’ve been assigned to the ASPC-Douglas Wild Land Fire Crew, and it is always difficult to go into a fire and stop the destruction.

I enjoyed working with fellow fire fighters. There is a sense of teamwork when you are working on the fire line with your crew, and seeing the results from your hard work is rewarding.

Eagar Police Chief Garms

During the first evening of the fire, there were approximately 3,000 people fed, three times per day. This initial feeding would not have been possible without the assistance from Canteen Corporation and the community. The City of Eagar appreciates the assistance and immediate response from the Arizona State Prison Complex-Winslow.

Cody Koch

Cody Koch, age 10, son of Secretary Sue Koch and CO II Ty Koch, had been assisting for three days along with his brothers. Cody and his brothers assisted the evacuees by providing water, delivering food items and picking up trash.

Sandra Burk, City of Eagar Mayor

I would like to praise our local Winslow State Prison Complex-Apache Unit for the wonderful offers of help they have given us. In fact, they were one of the first calls that we’ve received in the town of Eagar. Without their help, support and donations, we would of had many people that would be sleeping on the

floor. We are grateful for the shuttle bus they provided. One of the individuals that rode the bus yesterday said, “I couldn’t believe I was getting in this bus voluntarily. I’ve gotten in it before by their request, and now I’m getting in it on my own.”

The parking situation would have been dire without the assistance of ADC. The prison staff have been extremely helpful!

Chad Ettmueller, Red Cross Officer in Charge -Eagar

The staff at ADC have been invaluable! The biggest help you have provided is the laundry service. You’ve brought mattresses, and we still didn’t have enough. I don’t know everything you’ve done, but you’ve been a Godsend.

Maria Nugent, Registered Nurse

Currently employed with the Salt River Project, and stationed at the convalescent evacuee site, housing approximately 105 civilians, I am a former Nursing Supervisor who worked with ADC for 14 years. Along with Bonnie Keiser, CRN, Becky Rodriguez, CRN, and Sandy Wagner, CRN, and Toni Strickland, CRNS I, Peggy Mead, CRN, and Patty Shumway, CRN, we ensured that all of the evacuees needs were met such as medical support and therapy contacts. Nursing staff have been on site in this evacuation area 24 hours per day. There are evacuees housed in this area that are recovering from a stroke, hip replacement, etc.

Gary McGeachie, Arizona Correctional Industries

My home in Pinecrest Lakes Resort in Overgaard burned to the ground. The front offices of the development and one row of homes were all that made it. From an aerial view my home looked like a floor plan, all that remained were the edges of the home. The appliances in our home completely vaporized and my toolbox melted into one glob of metal. It was a total loss, but we plan on rebuilding.

Winslow Employees Honored During Parade

Susan Koch, Captain, ASPC-Winslow



The Arizona State Prison Complex Winslow - Apache Unit participated in the Show Low Chamber of Commerce Fourth of July Parade in Show Low, Arizona. The invitation was a result of the work of the Winslow volunteers at the Round Valley Evacuation Center assisting Show Low residents and other evacuees. As this group traveled along the parade route, it was evident the people of Show Low appreciated their assistance during this difficult period by their standing applause, signs and shouts of thanks. The group represented staff from all areas of the prison: security, programs, administration and other support staff.

ADC Enjoys the Fruit of Eyman Inmate Labor

David W. Turyan, Jr., CO IV, ASPC-Eyman

If you would have walked into SMU-I five months ago there weren't any inmates planting watermelon, squash, cantaloupe, green onions and other nutritious vegetables and fruit. You would have seen one of the most secure units surrounded by dirt, dirt and more dirt.



COII Christopher Kriebel displays watermelons from the ASPC-Eyman garden

As part of the on going litigation involving protective segregation inmates, the Department decided certain protective segregation inmates should be put to work. Deputy Warden Danny Garvin put together key SMU-I staff to look at the situation and propose ideas of how to safely and securely put these inmates to work. As a result, protective segregation inmates were put to work in a vegetable garden.

Chief of security, Captain James Christy, conferred with Lt Jerry O'Rear and their combined nine years at SMU-I were instrumental in identifying criteria on how the first 20 inmates would be selected to work out on this yard crew. Those criteria are still in place as inmates are screened to determine if they are suitable working with gardening tools and other inmates. Do Not House With Issues are reviewed as part of this process to ensure no inmates with concurrent DNHW issues are put on the work

crew together. CO III Holly Andrews, the Work Incentive Pay Plan coordinator, was then tasked with assigning these inmates to this newly established WIPP crew. She closely works with the Special Security Unit staff and the Security Lieutenant before she officially assigns any protective segregation inmate to this outside work crew.

As these inmates tend to their garden, communication between staff is paramount to ensure the safety of the public, staff and inmates. Once assigned, the inmates are turned over to CO II Christopher Kriebel, the yard crew supervisor, who provides guidance to the inmates. Kriebel oversaw the preparation of the garden beds, and he worked closely with the inmates as they planted, watered and cultivated their potential harvest of freshly grown items.

Recently, this SMU-I garden has produced watermelon, zucchini and cantaloupe, and this is just the beginning. CO II Kriebel is already looking for other areas within the secure perimeter to cultivate.

New Warden at ASPC-Perryville



ASPC-Perryville Warden Mary Hennessy

A veteran Arizona Department of Corrections administrator with many years of executive leadership experience in corrections has been promoted to Warden at Arizona's all female prison by Director Terry Stewart.

Mary Hennessy, 47, who has been the Acting Warden at ASPC-Perryville since March 2002, has been named Warden. Ms. Hennessy has been employed with the Arizona Department of Corrections since 1984. She began her ADC career as a Correctional Officer at Perryville, and worked in the security series until 1995 when she was

promoted to an Associate Deputy Warden's position at ASPC-Winslow's level four Kaibab Unit. Since 1996, Ms. Hennessy has held Deputy Warden positions at ASPC-Winslow, ASPC-Florence and ASPC-Perryville.

ASPC-Perryville, an all female multi-custody level institution with a capacity of 2,236 inmates, has four female units, a juvenile unit with a capacity of 22, a central detention unit housing 36 inmates and six additional detention cells in the complex operations area. It is also the site of Arizona's death row for women, which houses one inmate.

The Department's New Media Contacts



Newly hired Public Information Officer Jim Robideau

With the resignations of two key personnel from the Media Relations Office of the Arizona Department of Corrections, Director Terry Stewart has named Jim Robideau as the agency's new Public Information Officer, and Michael Arra as the Media Relations Administrator.

Jim Robideau is a veteran Correctional Officer who has worked

at the Arizona State Prison Complex-Florence for 18 years. His vast experience as an officer, knowledge of the corrections system, and being the person responsible for prison tours of the Florence and Eyman complexes, provides him with the public relations background necessary to work with the media.

Michael Arra, in his nearly 18 years with the Department, has worked in virtually every capacity of media and public interaction on the agency's behalf. He began his ADC career as the Department's public information officer, and most recently has been managing other public relations and internal communications functions of the Department.

Mr. Arra will continue his duties managing the production of the

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Newsletter and the Agency web site; providing technical assistance to the Director; assisting as a liaison to the Governor's Office; and assisting as the Department Ombudsman. He oversees the Internal Communications Coordinator II Virginia Strankman and Internal Communications Coordinator I Vincent Funari who produce and edit the monthly Directions Newsletter, promote and coordinate agency wide employee charitable drives and projects. Also, Staff Safety Officer Don Brown who is the Director's liaison and Technical Operations Analyst Paul Lamprill who serves as Department Webmaster continue to work under the supervision of Mr. Arra.

Director Tours Community Corrections



Director Terry Stewart poses with Community Corrections staff. Recently, Director Stewart visited Community Corrections employees to show his appreciation for their hard work; listen to their concerns and update them on the latest Department news.

**The Phoenix Home Arrest Office has
relocated and changed its name. The new
name and address is:**

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Phoenix, Arizona 85015
(602) 841-6019 or
fax: (602) 841-5999



The Advantages of Aerobic Exercise

When dealing with inmates and the dangers within a prison, it's important for corrections professionals to have a high level of mental and physical fitness.

Research confirms that aerobic exercise is an excellent way for individuals to improve their levels of fitness; lose weight and handle the depressing and stressful situations they encounter at work.

Aerobic exercise, meaning "exercise with oxygen," involves physical activity that is sustained for periods of time using large muscle groups such as the legs, back or arms. During an aerobic workout, the cardiovascular system, the heart, lungs and blood vessels, respond to increased levels of physical activity by increasing the availability of oxygen to the body. This type of exercise improves the strength and efficiency of an individual's heart by allowing the heart to pump more blood and thus, increasing oxygen delivery to body tissues with each heartbeat. As aerobic fitness increases, a person will be able to work out longer with greater intensity and recover more quickly at the end of a workout session.

The advantages of aerobic exercise are countless. They include benefits such as reduced cholesterol, blood pressure and body fat; improved muscular endurance and an increased

metabolism. Aerobic exercise improves the strength of bones, ligaments and tendons; allows the body to use fats and sugars more efficiently; burns calories and plays an important role in reducing the onset and symptoms of aging and illness. This type of exercise reduces the risk of heart disease, vascular disease and diabetes and can help those trying to quit smoking by relieving cravings and improving lung function. Also, studies have indicated that aerobic exercise reduces stress and combats depression as it raises self-esteem and physical awareness.

Activities such as jogging, running, biking, swimming, basketball, jumping rope, cross-country skiing, roller skating, walking and hiking provide an excellent aerobic workout. In addition to these activities, exercise machines that simulate these activities such as stationary bikes, treadmills, stair-steppers and rowing machines are very effective.

Most everyone can participate in some type of aerobic exercise. Aerobic exercise can be modified to varying intensity levels for people with different fitness goals and levels of physical conditioning.

Twenty to sixty minutes of continuous aerobic activity performed three to five times a week is recommended. Depending upon individual fitness goals, beginner



programs may last 12 to 15 minutes and progress toward 20 minutes. It is advised that individuals beginning an exercise program should perform aerobic exercise three days per week on non-consecutive days.

While aerobic activity is essential for an active and healthy life, remember that cardiovascular endurance is only one part of a balanced fitness program. To safely and effectively reach fitness goals, exercise programs should include strength and flexibility training and healthy nutrition.

It is advised to consult a physician before beginning any exercise program.

In Memoriam

ADC mourns the passing of one of its

Peregrina "Sabrina Colon" Jurado



The deadline to submit the answers to June's Corrections Cross-Section has been extended to August 10.

Successfully complete the Corrections Cross-section and win Law Enforcement Torch Run merchandise. Correct crossword entries will be entered into a drawing.

To enter, submit the completed puzzle with your name, telephone number and place of employment to Virginia Strankman at Mail Code 441 or 1601 West Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

Look for the answers to the crossword puzzle, the winner of the contest and a new puzzle in August's issue of *Directions*.

Phoenix Lab Technician Rescues Man

by Larry Clausen, Facility Health Administrator, ASPC-Phoenix

Pulling off onto the shoulder of the road to consult a map, Sylvia Mohler, a laboratory technician at Arizona State Prison Complex's Alhambra Unit, glanced up and saw a pick-up truck pulling a trailer, veer off the road and strike a man working with road machinery.

Mohler quickly jumped from her car to check the condition of the driver of the pick-up. Although pinned inside the truck, his vital signs seemed stable. She then went to aid the driver of the trencher, Andrew Ducar, a heavy haul truck driver for the Sun State Equipment Company. Ducar's body was approximately 50 yards from the point of impact.

"I was struck with how lifeless he appeared as he laid face down on the ground," said Mohler.

"I want to thank the Department of Corrections for hiring an employee like Sylvia who through her training and concern for others turned out to be my guardian angel," said Ducar.

Applying traction from the first-aid training she learned as an ADC employee, Mohler carefully turned Ducar's body over. He was covered in blood and gurgling. Mohler established an airway for his breathing and fearing the worst, attempted to keep Ducar conscious and talking. Waiting for emergency help, she thought he would be dying, so together they prayed until help finally arrived. Ducar was flown by helicopter to a trauma center where he was found to have a fractured skull, a sub-dural hematoma, eight fractured ribs and a fractured tibia.



Andrew Ducar is grateful to ASPC-Phoenix Laboratory Technician Sylvia Mohler for saving his life.

Fortunately for Ducar, Mohler dislikes freeways and had chosen a different route to ASPC-Phoenix's Globe Unit that morning. The alternate route led Mohler to the accident, the intersecting area of Power and Guadalupe Roads.

Although unable to return to work due to continuing problems with memory, dizziness and headaches, Ducar is extremely thankful to Mohler for the assistance she provided him while laying severely injured.

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like Sylvia who through her training and concern for others turned out to be my guardian angel," said Ducar.

The event established a special bond between Mohler and Ducar. Ducar recently visited ASPC-Phoenix and received a special tour of the Unit. He was introduced to many of Mohler's co-workers, who like Mohler, were amazed at his recovery after hearing of the accident.

"I'm just so glad I was there to help and that he is here today," said Mohler.

Three Officers Assist Shooting Victim

by Kathleen Manning-Chavez, Training Officer I, ASPC-Eyman Complex



Left to right: Correctional Officers Joe Salazar, Barry Fernandez and Roberto Gonzalez.

Three Correctional Officers save a man who was shot, and help apprehend his assailant following a shooting in Casa Grande.

Last month after working swing shift, COIs Barry Fernandez and Roberto Gonzalez of ASPC-Eyman and Joe Salazar of ASPC-Florence were stopped at an intersection near a 7-Eleven in Casa Grande when they witnessed a man being shot twice in the chest in the parking lot of the convenience store.

The three officers watched the victim fall to the ground and then COI Salazar turned his mini-van into the parking lot. Fernandez called 911 and gave police a short synopsis of the event. By this time, the suspected shooter had jumped into his truck and left the scene, but not before a description of the man, the vehicle and the license number could be given to police by Fernandez. The Correctional Officers jumped out of the van and Fernandez and Gonzalez began administering first aid to the victim.

“I discovered the wound under the arm of the victim and immediately applied pressure to stop the bleeding,” said Fernandez. “Gonzalez cut the victim’s shirt and discovered a second gunshot under the left arm and started to apply pressure.”

“They treated the injured and obtained information. I thought it was very brave of them,” said Huddleston .

Salazar obtained information from witnesses and secured the scene, ensuring the Officers’ safety while keeping an eye on another suspect until Casa Grande Police Department officers arrived on the scene.

The Correctional Officers later went to the police station to write reports and answer questions. They identified the alleged shooter who had been arrested only minutes after

leaving the scene in a white truck.

Casa Grande Police Chief Robert Huddleston said, “The Correctional Officers were able to stop the bleeding. I think they saved the guy. It’s arguable that had they not been there right away, the crime may not have been solved. They certainly tied up the loose ends and made it a very clear case. Everything just clicked.”

Though unarmed, the officers took it upon themselves to respond.

“We had to, the guy was hurt,” Salazar said. “What else could we do? That’s part of our training, no matter if we work on the same unit or not. Anyone who works for ADC is part of the team. When something happens, you help each other.”

“They treated the injured and obtained information. I thought it was very brave of them,” Huddleston said.

The victim is expected to recover.

Fernandez and Gonzalez have been nominated for lifesaving awards and Salazar was nominated for a community service award.

Fiddle Hits High Note

ACI Wood and Metal Shop Refurbishes Fiddle

Christine Lansford, Executive Staff Assistant, ACI



Ms. Doris Stockton proudly displays her restored bass fiddle as ACI's Christine Lansford looks on.

Amazing was all Ms. Doris Stockton could say when she saw the shiny, restored bass fiddle that had once belonged to her father-in-law.

Ms. Stockton, a loyal 10-year customer of ACI has had numerous pieces of furniture refinished by ACI inmates over the past decade. After seeing repeated evidence of the skill of inmate artisans at work in the Florence Wood and Metal



How the bass fiddle looked before ACI's skilled artisans went to work.

Refurbishment shop, Ms. Stockton decided to send a badly-damaged bass fiddle she found in her father-in-law's storage in for a complete make-over.

The fiddle was in serious disrepair. When it arrived at ACI, the neck was splintered off completely. Most of the wood had severe heat and moisture damage from being long forgotten in the back corner of a relative's shed for 16 years.

Under the expert guidance of shop supervisor **Jeff Gay**, an inmate patiently repaired and replaced the damaged wood, pieced the neck together and stained both the interior and exterior. The inmate restrung the fiddle with the strings that came with the instrument, and the old bass fiddle tuned up as if it had never been out of service for a moment.

Jeff Gay is proud of his staff; he has witnessed inmate workers successfully restore many interesting pieces. His crew refinishes all types of household and office furniture, ranging from roll-top desks to claw-footed tables and church pews.

Elmer Farrell Stockton Sr. bought the bass fiddle from an elderly man in Brownsfield, Texas in 1941 when he was 12 years old. He paid for it by washing dishes after school in the local Thompson Café for \$5 per week. Stockton remembers the seller at the time describing with relish that the bass fiddle was at least 100 years old.

"I will never sell this piece. It is a part of our family history," said Ms. Stockton. "We're going to go see my father-in-law at the end of this month, and we're going to show him his old fiddle and I can't wait to see his face when he sees this."